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SUBJECT:WFP DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1. WE AGREE WITH SYG WALDHEIM'S VIEW THAT USG MUST TRY TO REACH ACCOMMODATION DIRECTLY WITH VOGEL. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS THE MAN ON THE HOT SEAT AND MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHOICE. HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT WE DO SEE LITTLE ADVANTAGE IN REHASHING ARGUMENTS ABOUT BRITO.

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2. IN APPROACHING VOGEL THIS TIME, YOU SHOULD INDICATE:

-- WHILE WE ARE AWARE THAT NOMINATIONS ON PERSONNEL ARE VOGEL'S ALONE TO MAKE, NEVERTHELESS, WE HOPE AND EXPECT THERE WILL BE NO DEVIATION FROM PAST PRACTICE OF SOUNDING OUT MAJOR POLICY QUESTIONS WITH KEY WFP PARTICIPANTS PRIOR TO THEIR FORMALIZATION.

-- AS THE WFP'S LARGEST DONOR WE PARTICULARLY REGRET NOT HAVING BEEN CONSULTED ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE OBVIOUS SENSITIVITY WE HAVE CONCERNING THE TWO TOP WFP POSITIONS AND THE SUPPORT US GAVE VOGEL'S OWN CANDIDACY WHEN WE DETERMINED THIS WAS IN BEST INTEREST OF PROGRAM.

IT WAS IN THE SAME VEIN THAT WE PROPOSED THE NAMES OF SEVERAL NON-AMERICAN WELL-QUALIFIED PERSONS LAST WEEK, AND WE WONDER WHAT VOGEL'S REACTIONS ARE TO THESE SUGGESTIONS. VANCE

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